



# Lamberhurst Golf Club

## Course Update

Dear Member,

You're obviously aware that the course has been closed since 23rd March. However, that doesn't mean that we have just abandoned it. We've been able to keep the full green staff working until the end of March as normal. However, as part of our efforts to sustain the club financially into the future, the committee has taken up the opportunity to furlough (where government pays 80% of a salary up to a maximum of £2,500.00/month) three members of the green keeping team from the 1st of April for one month. This was done following discussions with the green keeping team. The view was that two members of the team were sufficient to keep the course in a condition where it can be returned to a good playing surface promptly, once restrictions are lifted. Those at work will spend the vast majority of their time mowing all parts of the course, albeit not as frequently and to a longer length than normal. They will spray if necessary and do other maintenance work if time allows. As no-one is now playing golf and they don't need to avoid the early morning golfers, we've taken the opportunity to maximise the time they can mow by starting their working day at 7am. This allows a greater opportunity for frost and dew to disperse, thus allowing mowing to begin. They will also be in position to carry out irrigation if conditions demand. To be fair to the green keeping team, we will rotate those working each month.

By leaving grass longer than usual, it will discourage the would-be golfer seeking a quick few holes and with green keeper presence, discourage the locals from using the course as an open park. To date, neither of these issues have caused a problem.

This situation will be reviewed toward the end of April to check that the regime we have in place is delivering what we need, our ability to promptly return the course to a good playing condition once restrictions are lifted.

Regards, Ian Daker - Course Member